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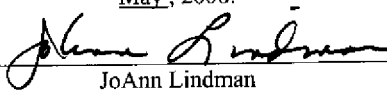
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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed March 7, 2006.

Please consider the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the **Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.